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City holds key votes

One week in. Politicians shouldn't take Edmonton for granted: Political scientist



Political parties are hoping for Edmonton votes in a provincial election that could be decided by a slim margin.

While Calgary has the most ridings — 25 of the province's 87 — Edmonton has more seats "up in the air," University of Alberta political science department chair Andy Knight

said Sunday. Alberta's capital city has 19 ridings, including some without incumbents and a new one altogether. Of the 18 that existed before, 12 were Tory, four Liberal and two NDP.

"There is an ongoing sense in Edmonton that the politicians, especially at the provincial level, have to pay a lot more attention to Edmonton," said Knight, adding some citizens believe the focus has traditionally been on Calgary and rural areas.

"I don't think any politician can take Edmonton for granted any longer."

As the Tories and Wildrose battle it out in Calgary, Knight said the Wil-

drose isn't as strong in Edmonton, which could be good for a third party. Edmonton-Strathcona NDP incumbent Rachel Notley agrees.

"We have some very well-founded hopes that we can significantly increase the number of seats we have that are mostly ... in Edmonton," she said.

With many undecided voters, according to the polls, and "irrelevant and childish spats" between some party leaders, Notley said it could come down to Edmonton on April 23.

"There are going to be some real hard-fought battles," she said. "(Edmonton) could end up deciding a balance of power."

Pass the bucket

You're not the only one who's sick of my Heart Will Go On

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What's in a baby name?

Quite a lot, especially if you're regretting that spell-check-challenging moniker you thought was cute

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Spring calls for classic Greek salad with fresh ingredients

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FEIST RAKES 'EM IN

MORE JUNO COVERAGE, PAGE 12

Feist accepts the Juno Award for artist of the year at the gala in Ottawa Sunday night. The singer-songwriter also won awards for adult alternative album of the year for her fourth disc, *Metals*, and music DVD of the year for her documentary *Look at What the Light Did Now*. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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For all the fun a nerd could ever ask for, who ya gonna call?

Joel Hernder, left, and Stephen Schubert sport handmade Ghostbusters costumes inspired by the 1984 Dan Akroyd and Bill Murray film at the Edmonton Collectible Toy & Comic Show on Sunday at the Shaw Conference Centre. The show specialized in vintage and modern toys, comic books, anime, video games and pop culture memorabilia. **SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO**

Oil City powers off during Earth Hour

Power hour. Global climate awareness event sees one of best local showings



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Edmontonians are putting more energy into highlighting climate change. While perhaps dim compared to global efforts, this year's three per cent plunge in power use marks a

bright spot in the city's five-year Earth Hour history.

Results released by EPCOR show on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. citizens used 1082.44 megawatts of electricity, down from 1120.20 a week earlier.

"As prices go up for power our wallets are affected, but people are also starting to understand the effect on the environment," said city spokesperson Mary-Ann Thurber.

The city also zapped energy use by three per cent during Earth Hour in 2010. Last year electricity rose one per cent.

Thurber hopes the mes-

Message

"I think that we need to get the message out there that every hour needs to be earth hour."

Mary-Ann Thurber
City of Edmonton spokesperson

sage spreads. "We'd love to see more participation, but we'd also love to see people (reduce power) all the time," she said.

Edmonton joined 510 other Canadian cities and 150 nations in marking the event.



City hall participated in Earth Hour.
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Critical injury

Baby plunges out of window

Calgary police are calling a baby's five-storey fall from an apartment window a "tragic accident." Police said the incident happened around 9:30 a.m. Sunday, leaving the child critically injured. **METRO**

Impaired driving

Woman charged in fatal crash

RCMP have charged a Lacombe woman with six impaired-related charges following a crash that killed a 19-year-old man and injured a 17-year-old boy early Saturday. April Gail Beaclair, 29, will appear in Red Deer court. **METRO**

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Thrilla on the Hilla goes to Liberals in three rounds

Conservative Senator Patrick Brazeau, left, and Liberal MP Justin Trudeau fight in a charity boxing match for cancer research Saturday in Ottawa. Trudeau stopped Brazeau in the third round. Former Liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau, Justin's father, died of prostate cancer, while Brazeau's mother succumbed to lung cancer. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health and safety

Feds looking to bury nuclear waste

The federal government is eyeing the site of the Chalk River nuclear reactor, 160 kilometres northwest of Ottawa, as a radioactive waste site.

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. says 267,000 cubic metres of low- and medium-grade nuclear waste is now stored above-ground in steel containers at the Chalk River site.

The amount of radioactive material is expected to grow to 360,000 cubic metres by 2100.

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Coffee crazed

Drive-thrus cause traffic jams?

Canadians lining up in their cars for a Tim Hortons fix are causing traffic snarls and headaches in cities across the country.

The problem has become

so bad in Saskatoon that one city councillor has proposed a ban on all future drive-thrus. City transportation manager Angela Gardiner said it was brought up at a national transportation engineering conference last year. Traffic numbers for Tim Hortons greatly exceed the average for other fast-food outlets in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Potato farmer home from Lebanese jail

Potato problems.

N.B. man's lawyers, family expressed concerns about his deteriorating health

After more than a year in a Lebanese jail, Henk Tepper is finally home.

"I'm happy to be home," the New Brunswick potato farmer told a throng of reporters as he left the customs area at the Ottawa airport Saturday.

Tepper, who is in his mid-40s and from Drummond, N.B., has been in custody in Beirut since March 23 of last year.

He was picked up on an international arrest warrant on allegations he exported rotten potatoes to Algeria in 2007 and forged export documents.

A source close to Tepper says an Interpol red notice issued by Algeria remains in effect and the notice says he could face up to five years in prison if convicted of the allegations.

Tepper's lawyers have denied all of the allegations, saying the potatoes were inspected

Political inaction?

A number of public appeals, meetings were held to push for Tepper's return home.

- **Legal limbo.** Diane Ablonczy, Canada's minister of state for foreign affairs, issued a statement saying the federal government has been working behind the scenes to get Tepper released.

- **Not enough.** Tepper's family and Liberal politicians have criticized Ottawa's efforts to have him returned to Canada, accusing the feds of not doing enough.

in Canada before shipment and met Algerian standards.

Algeria also alleges that Tepper forged documents related to the export of potatoes from Quebec and Prince Edward Island. Tepper was arrested in Lebanon while on an agricultural trade mission to promote seed potatoes from Atlantic Canada.

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Stranded cruise ship reaches Malaysian shore after on-board fire



Passengers from the stricken cruise ship Azamara Quest queue to check in at a hotel in Sandakan, Malaysia, Monday. MARK BAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A luxury cruise ship stranded at sea for 24 hours because of a fire safely reached a Malaysian port where police and embassy officials stood by Sunday to help 1,000 people aboard, including 45 Canadians.

The Azamara Quest drifted off the southern Philippines after flames engulfed one of its engine rooms Friday, injuring five crew members. It restored propulsion the next night and

reached the harbour of Sandakan city in Malaysia's eastern state of Sabah on Borneo island late Sunday.

Two ambulances came out of the port shortly after the ship docked, followed more than two hours later around midnight by a fleet of buses taking passengers to hotels. Inside the buses, several people appeared tired, but many others smiled and one man waved to reporters

waiting outside the port.

It was the latest in a series of accidents hitting luxury cruise liners since January, when the Costa Concordia capsized off the coast of Italy, killing 32 people.

The fire on the Azamara Quest had been extinguished immediately, but five crew members suffered smoke inhalation, including one who was seriously injured and needed

hospital care, the ship's operator has said.

The 11-deck vessel, which features a casino, spa and shopping boutiques, was carrying 590 passengers and 411 crew members. Over one-third, or 201, of the passengers were American, according to lists of passenger and crew nationalities provided by the ship captain to the Philippine Coast Guard. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Aung San Suu Kyi wins seat in Myanmar's parliament

Election. Supporters celebrate as iconic democracy campaigner wins political office

She struggled for a free Myanmar for a quarter-century, much of it spent locked away under house arrest. Now, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate whose non-violent campaign for democracy at home transformed her into a global icon is on the verge of ascending to public office for the first time.

Aung San Suu Kyi, 66, was elected to Parliament Sunday in a historic victory buffeted by the jubilant cheers of supporters who hope her triumph will mark a major turning point in a nation still

emerging from a ruthless era of military rule.

If confirmed, the election win will also mark an astonishing reversal of fortune for a woman who became one of the world's most prominent prisoners of conscience.

When she was finally released in late 2010, just after a vote her party boycotted that was deemed neither free nor fair, few could have imagined she would make the leap from democracy advocate to elected official in less than 17 months, opening the way for a potential presidential run in 2015.

The results must be confirmed by the government's electoral commission, however, which may not make an official declaration for days.

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Aung San Suu Kyi's supporters in Yangon, Myanmar erupt in euphoric cheers Sunday after learning she had won a parliamentary seat in a landmark election. ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

70 countries pledge cash for Syrian rebels

A coalition of more than 70 partners, including the United States, pledged Sunday to send millions of dollars and communications equipment to Syria's opposition groups, signalling deeper involvement in the conflict amid a growing belief that diplomacy and sanctions alone cannot end the Damascus regime's repression.

The shift by the U.S. and its Western and Arab allies toward seeking to sway the military balance in Syria carries

regional risks because the crisis there increasingly resembles a proxy conflict that could exacerbate sectarian tensions. The Syrian rebels are overmatched by heavily armed regime forces.

The summit meeting of the "Friends of the Syrian People" follows a year of failed diplomacy that seems close to running its course with a troubled peace plan led by UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan.

Indeed, U.S. Secretary of

State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other participants at the conference in Istanbul uniformly expressed concern that Annan's plan might backfire, speculating that Syrian President Bashar Assad would try to manipulate it to prolong his hold on power.

Clinton said she was waiting for Annan's report to the UN Security Council on Monday on the status of his peace plan.

"There cannot be process for the sake of process. There

has to be a timeline. If Assad continues as he has, to fail to end the violence, to institute a ceasefire, to withdraw his troops from the areas he has been battering ... then it's unlikely he is going to ever agree," she said. "Because it is a clear signal that he wants to wait to see if he has totally suppressed the opposition. I think he would be mistaken to believe that. My reading is that the opposition is gaining in intensity, not losing."

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A Syrian boy flashes the V-victory sign during a demonstration in Idlib, Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Palm Sunday procession in Austria

A boy carries traditionally decorated catkin twigs during a Palm Sunday procession in the Austrian province of Salzburg Sunday. Palm Sunday opens Holy Week which ends with Easter Sunday, the most important Christian holiday. KERSTIN JOENSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watch what you say. In Britain, big brother wants to see your emails

The U.K. government is preparing proposals for a nationwide electronic surveillance network that could potentially keep track of every message sent by any Brit to anyone at any time.

An industry official briefed on the government's plans revealed the proposals on Sunday.

Plans for a massive government database of the country's phone and email

traffic were abandoned in 2008 following a public outcry. But James Blessing of the Internet Service Providers' Association said the government appears to be "re-introducing it on a slightly different format."

Blessing said the move was disclosed to his association by Britain's Home Office during a meeting in recent weeks.

Britain's Home Office de-

clined comment, saying an announcement would have to be made to Parliament first — possibly as soon as next month.

In a statement, the British Home Office said it's vital that police and intelligence services "are able to obtain communications data in certain circumstances to investigate serious crime and terrorism, and to protect the public." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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High time to tax the rich fairly: Obama

Buffett Rule. Push for new taxation comes as millions of Americans prepare taxes for April filing deadline

U.S. President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to increase taxes on millionaires, reviving a proposal he first pitched last September that aims to draw sharp election-year lines between the president and the Republican opposition.

The plan, scheduled for a vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate on April 16, stands little chance of passing in Congress. But it is a prominent symbol of the efforts the president and congressional Democrats are making to portray themselves as champions of economic fairness. Republicans dismiss the idea as a political stunt with little real effect on the budget.

Obama calls the plan the

Tax rates

“Warren Buffett is paying a lower rate than his secretary. Meanwhile, over the last 30 years, the tax rates for middle-class families have barely budged.”

U.S. President Barack Obama, on ending tax cuts for the wealthy

“Buffett Rule” for Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor who has complained that rich people like him pay a smaller share of their income in federal taxes than middle-class taxpayers.

Many wealthy taxpayers earn investment income, which is taxed at 15 per cent. Obama has proposed that people earning at least \$1 million annually — whether in salary or investments — should pay at least 30 per cent of their income in taxes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Revamped Burger King menu courts healthier eaters

A diner orders food at a Burger King restaurant in Miami. Burger King launches 10 menu items including smoothies, frappes, specialty salads and snack wraps Monday — its biggest menu expansion since the chain opened its doors in 1954. Burger King is the latest chain to revamp its menu as part of the fast-food industry's move away from its nearly single-minded courtship of young men. Once the lifeblood of the industry, the economic downturn hit those junk-food fanatics particularly hard. At the same time, Americans generally have been demanding healthier options.

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Outrage

Protest against Irish property tax

The Irish government says one-million households have failed to pay property tax. About 5,000 protesters marched through Dublin Saturday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Market survival. A leaner, specialized future for RIM

Smaller, more efficient, sharply focused: That's likely the RIM of the future.

Having grappled with the giants of the smartphone industry and received a battering — in financial and marketing terms — Research In Motion will likely emerge a specialized company that doesn't compete head-on in the consumer smartphone market with Apple or Android devices, analysts said Friday.

After releasing dismal quarterly results last Thursday, the BlackBerry maker announced plans to rebuild itself, while opening the door to the possibility it would consider a host of corporate options, including putting itself up for sale.

The RIM that emerges from that process will be leaner and likely more focused on the things it does best — like

catering to businesses that value bulletproof security and efficient enterprise software.

“Ultimately, what I think RIM ends up doing is becoming a smaller company,” said Evercore Partners analyst Alkesh Shah.

“It will be more software- and services-focused,” Shah said from New York.

New CEO Thorstein Heins told analysts late Thursday that RIM will shift more attention to its business users and will go after only “targeted” parts of the consumer market, possibly with partners.

“We plan to refocus on the enterprise business and capitalize on our leading position in this segment,” Heins said after RIM delivered an unexpected loss in its most recent quarter.

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Fuel-tanker strike? U.K. quells mad rush to pumps

Britain's government has moved to stop panic buying at gas pumps, telling motorists there is no need to fill up their tanks as previously stated. The new advice caps several days of confusion, which even supporters of the ruling Conservative Party say has dented its leadership credentials.

Things went wrong shortly after Britain's Unite union threatened to pull off a fuel-tanker strike that could leave thousands of service stations drained of gasoline. Such strikes can have serious political consequences in Britain, where gasoline prices are already among the highest in Europe.

The Conservatives took the initiative, warning motorists to stock up on fuel in preparation for possible shortages. Cabinet Office Minister Fran-

cis Maude went so far as to suggest that drivers fill their jerry cans — metal containers that can hold 20 litres of gasoline.

Soon, lines began forming outside gas stations. Pumps ran dry. Jerry cans flew off the shelves. All this despite the likelihood that the proposed strike was at least two weeks away.

Some opponents accused the government of sparking panic to distract from what had been a week of nasty news about the economy, Tory party donors and an embarrassing controversy over officials' decision to raise taxes on pasties, snacks enjoyed by millions. Others said that the Conservatives were picking a fight with Unite, which enjoys close ties to the opposition Labour Party. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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If someone were to ask me what is it that Edmonton needs more of to become the city it wants to be, I would answer with a single word: whimsy.

Why whimsy? Because Edmonton seems to be stuck in a utilitarian mindset that says if something cannot be shown to have some material return, it is not worth doing. It would seem that, for many Edmontonians, it is a cardinal sin to use tax money for something, the only purpose of which is to provide pleasure to the masses.

I suspect that if we could have the Mona Lisa here, many people would say "Why? What's it good for?"

When there is a discussion of the new museum, all too many of us maintain it is a waste of taxpayers' money. The same comment was applied to our new art gallery when it was under discussion. When our mayor opines that creating a beach in Hawrelak Park might just give pleasure to a lot of people who cannot get out of the city, his idea is met with derision. When I write a column about spending the money needed to keep our Great Divide waterfall in operation, I am denounced as a complete loon. Unfortunately, I think Thomas Gradgrind would find Edmonton much to his liking. Gradgrind is a character in Charles Dickens' *Hard Times*. He is a proponent of utilitarianism. There is no place in Gradgrind's life for fantasy, imagination or whimsy. He is a man realities, of facts and

Think about it

We lose a lot by living in a city. We do not have the wide-open spaces of the countryside. We deal with more noise and crowding than someone who lives in a small town. Because of those things, I believe a city is obligated to balance off what we lose by providing us with diversions that are good for the soul.

calculations. There is no place in his world for a carpet decorated with flowers. Flowers on a carpet are a clear misrepresentation of reality. Flowers don't grow on carpets, so why on Earth would anyone create a carpet with floral decoration? I am sure he would have the same kind of response to an artificial beach in a city park or a purpose-built waterfall on the side of a bridge.

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The key to doing is having a clear sense of whimsy and the benefits it can provide.

April Fool's. WestJet introduces 'Kargo Kids'

WestJet took part in April Fool's Day celebrations Sunday by posting a gag video entitled *WestJet Introduces Child-free Cabins*.

Touting its so-called Kargo Kids program, the video outlines how the Calgary-based airline will allow parents to travel kid-free by putting the youngsters in cargo with luggage.

In a friendly, straightforward tone, Richard Bartrem, vice-president of communications at WestJet, says the benefits of the program include a "state of the art feeding trough" and lots of room for them to "run, play, scream and eat all they

On the web



If you can check your bags, you can check your kids. Watch the video.

want."

The comments are just as funny and noteworthy as the video itself. Many people said they actually like the idea.

DELIA MACPHERSON/FOR METRO

Global awareness looks bright



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Earth Hour

150 countries dim the lights

Volunteers of the World Wide Fund for Nature set their own candles amongst about 5,000 others to picture the globe prior to Earth Hour in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on Saturday. Earth Hour takes place each year and is a global call to turn off lights for 60 minutes in a bid to highlight global climate change.

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Quoted

"We didn't really know how it would go when it first started, but each year we have more and more countries and cities and communities join on."

Zoe Caron, a spokeswoman for the World Wildlife Fund's Canadian operations

Asong for action

- The new Earth Hour Anthem, *When the Lights Go Down*, was sung by crowds in Toronto to celebrate Earth Hour.
- The WWF calls it Canada's first ever crowd-sourced song. It was created from lyrics submitted and voted on by Canadians across the country.

National effort

511

The World Wildlife Fund Canada said 511 Canadian cities and towns participated in this year's event — the most ever.

U of A student puts compassion in action by living homeless for a week

News Worth Sharing

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one.

University of Alberta student Kristiann McCool truly knows what it's like to walk

in someone else's shoes for a week.

Or, rather, live someone else's life. Along with seven other students, McCool recently spent a week living outside and experiencing life as a homeless person, to raise awareness and funds for Youth Emergency Shelter Society. "It personally touched me as I knew we were affecting the lives of youth that could have

been myself, my friends or family," says McCool about her experience.

This is the seventh year of University of Alberta students running the 5 Days for the Homeless campaign. The campaign was started in 2005 by business students at the University of Alberta and has now spread to campuses across Canada.

So far, students have collectively raised over

\$750,000 for charity. To donate to the 5 Days for the Homeless campaign, visit www.5days.ca.

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Box office

Fans still eating up Hunger Games

The Hunger Games is still the first item on the menu for movie fans. The blockbuster took in \$61.1 million to remain the No. 1 film in its second weekend. Studio estimates Sunday put The Hunger Games well ahead of Sam Worthington's action sequel Wrath of the Titans, which opened in second place with \$34.2 million. Julia Roberts' comic Snow White reinvention Mirror Mirror debuted at No. 3 with \$19 million.

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On the web



For more coverage of the Juno Awards and our exclusive interview with The Sheepdogs, visit metronews.ca/scene

Feist still a Juno darling as she's named artist of the year

Awards. Feist, the Sheepdogs have a winning weekend in Ottawa with three trophies each at the 2012 Juno Awards



Feist and Saskatchewan
JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

band The Sheepdogs came out on top at the 2012 Juno Awards by snatching three Junos each over the weekend.

After winning two each at a gala and awards dinner Saturday, they both won their third at the televised show held at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa on Sunday.

On Sunday, The Sheepdogs won single of the year for their hit I Don't Know. The Nova Scotia-born singer-songwriter Feist won artist of the year, sweeping aside City and Colour, deadmau5, Drake and Michael Bublé.

Before the show started, some of the nominees graced the red carpet outside the arena in chilly temperatures.

Feist, Lights, MonkeyJunk, Dan Managan, Nickelback and Hedley greeted shrieking fans. Teen heartthrob Justin Bieber, who was a no-show, disappointed many of the fans who queued outside the arena hours before the broadcast started. Toronto rapper Drake also did not



Dallas Green accepts his award for songwriter of the year on Sunday at the Junos. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

attend.

Host William Shatner opened up the show with a tongue-in-cheek monologue poking fun at artists' names. "It's good to be back in Ottawa the home of the Ottawa Senators and the home of the Stanley Cup contenders. Of course I'm from Montreal, so, I mean, who cares?" said Shatner.

"It's going to be a crazy night...not Vancouver crazy, let's keep the cars right-side

up here."

The first award of the night went to Dallas Green of City and Colour for songwriter of the year. Nine performances kept thousands of screaming fans jumping out of their seats in the transformed arena.

Nickelback was first to light up the stage with a hard, pyrotechnical performance. The band came in with three nominations but went home empty handed.

Also up for a trio of awards was electronic music producer deadmau5. Like Nickelback, he left the weekend empty-handed.

Justin Bieber won the Juno fan choice award, beating nine other artists in the category. He appeared by video to say thank you.

"Fan choice. As we all know I have the best fans in the world, so this award is basically for all my fans," said Bieber.

Winners

Here is a partial list of some of the best acts in Canada — the 2012 Juno Award winners.

- Juno fan choice. Justin Bieber
- Single of the year. I don't know — The Sheepdogs
- Album of the year. Christmas — Michael Bublé
- Artist of the year. Feist
- New artist of the year. Dan Managan
- Songwriter of the year. Dallas Green
- Dance recording of the year. Hello — Martin Solveig & Dragonette
- Group of the year. Arkells
- New group of the year. The Sheepdogs
- Country album of the year. Roots and Wings — Terri Clark
- Pop album of the year. Storms — Hedley
- Rock album of the year. Learn & Burn — The Sheepdogs

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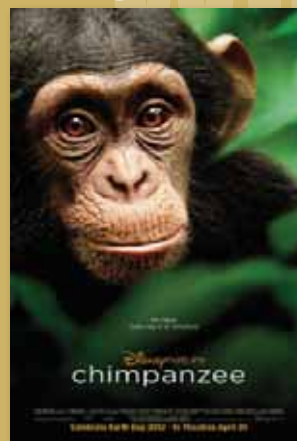
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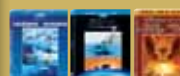


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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Morning shows heat up this week



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The Today Show is responding to the missile that ABC hurled last week — the announcement that anchorwoman Katie Couric is guest hosting Good Morning America — with a nuclear warhead of their own: The NBC morning show announced over the weekend that Tuesday's

guest host will be none other than Sarah Palin (yes, that Sarah Palin. We thought it was an April Fools' joke, too).

To make things even more interesting, Oprah is stopping by CBS Morning News on Monday to see her BFF, host Gayle King.

According to a CBS press release, Oprah's coming to "discuss everything from the latest developments at OWN, her Leadership Academy, and life after her daytime talk show."

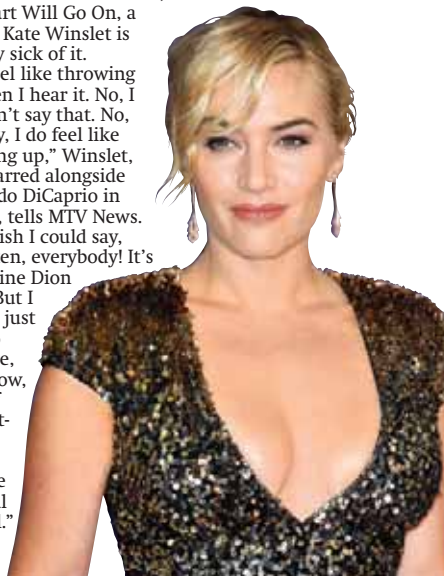
Katie Couric, Sarah Palin, Oprah: It's as though this week's morning news ratings war was created just to give the rival networks' late-night talk show hosts something to joke about.

Winslet wants to barf

While many still consider Celine Dion's Titanic tune, My Heart Will Go On, a classic, Kate Winslet is literally sick of it.

"I feel like throwing up when I hear it. No, I shouldn't say that. No, actually, I do feel like throwing up," Winslet, who starred alongside Leonardo DiCaprio in Titanic, tells MTV News.

"I wish I could say, 'Oh listen, everybody! It's the Celine Dion song!' But I don't. I just have to sit there, you know, kind of straight-faced with a massive internal eye roll."



Gaga's tame birthday night



Lady Gaga had a not-so-wild celebration for her 26th birthday, treating her friends to some time at the gym before grabbing dinner with her parents, according to Us Weekly.

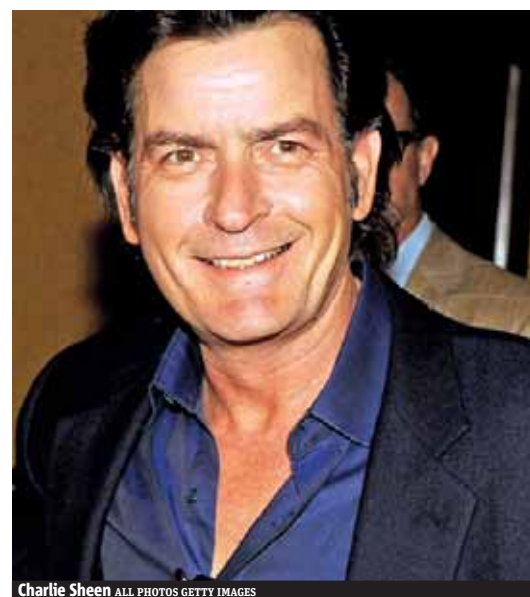
"Her friends filled the studio, and they had a blast," a source says of Gaga's visit to SoulCycle, an L.A. spin class

studio.

"She requested (Bruce Springsteen's) Thunder Road because it's one of her favourite songs. And as for the location of the celebratory dinner: home.

"It was just a small thing with her family," says the source.

"Her mother cooked."



Charlie Sheen ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Charlie Sheen: Oh, what a year

It's hard to believe, but it's been a full year since Charlie Sheen's very public meltdown and the words "tiger blood" were launched into the public lexicon. Now Sheen is embarking on something of an apology tour.

"I didn't recognize parts of who that guy was. I just wish it was somebody else's body. You say it's been a year — it's either been a day, or a hundred years," Sheen told Matt Lauer during an interview on the

Today show last week.

"I guess the plan was to reintroduce myself to America and to the media and say, 'Sorry about that, but here's what's happening now.'"

Clearly, that didn't go as planned. Now Sheen is busy promoting a new TV show, FX's Anger Management.

"I couldn't have the Two and a Half Men thing be my television legacy," Sheen says.

"I couldn't have that end on that note."

Lohan celebrates freedom via partying

Despite advice from a judge that she should probably stop partying, Lindsay Lohan celebrated the end of her formal probation by throwing a little get-together at the Chateau Marmont, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay's guests ate paella and watched Elizabeth Taylor's Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf? Lindsay

was in an extremely good mood and grateful to be off of formal probation," a source says. "The party went until around 2 a.m. Alcohol was being served in moderation, but Lindsay wasn't seen drinking. It's just rather strange that Lindsay chose to have the party at the hotel, especially after what the judge said to her in court."

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Chores

Women re-do husband's chores

Hands up if you reload the dishwasher after your husband has done it. Well, you're not alone.

According to the Telegraph, most women deem it necessary to "do over" the chores their domestically-challenged spouses proudly

tackle around the house. Nearly half of the women polled say they re-wipe countertops and a third of them remake beds. If you ask us if women want equality, they shouldn't be re-doing tasks that have been assigned to their husbands in the name of domestic bliss, even if they can't figure out how to properly hang the hand towels.

JULIE GREEN (A.K.A. MUMMY BUZZ), YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA



Polls show that most women do over their husband's chores. ISTOCK

App

Housework is fun with this app

What if you could turn household chores into a game? The HighScore House app turns mundane into fun by assigning points to chores.

Parents simply enter their children's daily chores and assign point values to

each one. Kids can mark off all of their completed tasks and count up their points.

Once kids have enough points, they can redeem them for rewards — picking what they want for dinner (10 points) or staying up an extra 15 minutes (20 points). The rewards are defined by you.

The interface is fresh and funky, and definitely has a fun factor to it.

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Got baby-name remorse? You're not the only one

Names. Here are some ways of dealing with people's reactions to your child's name

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When choosing the perfect name, the resources are endless. Baby-name books and online baby-naming tools are plentiful (a search for baby name books at indigo.com yielded 478 choices, and at 995 amazon.com).

Then there is the desire to be different. Babies are also being given names that might have come from browsing a dictionary or map.

With choice can also come challenges. Some things we hear parents say are:

"I love the name I chose and so did the parents of the five other Sophies or Sophias in my daughter's class."

"My son's name is always mispronounced. So frustrating. I like the way it sounds when we say it."

"In an effort to give our son a traditional name with a twist, we changed the

Pronunciation

It makes you cringe and scream inside when that lovely name is mispronounced. Learn how you and your child can deal with it.

- **Repeat it.** Use your child's name often so that the people around you hear it and catch on. "Maygan was up all night again," "Maygan will need a good nap today," etc.
- **Shorten it.** Be OK with a short form of the name that you know won't be mispronounced. For example, Alex can be a nickname for Alexandria or Alexandra.
- **Ignore it.** You saw it coming. You're ready for it. Help your child learn that his or her name might be said in different ways.



Giving your child a unique name can pose problems. ISTOCK

spelling and added a (silent) H. I'm tired of spelling it for people and I think he will be too. This is the one time in my life that I'm wishing I had listened to my mother."

Got regret? Here are some

things that you can do:

Use your child's middle name or initials.

Choose a nickname that fits. Miley Cyrus was born "Destiny Hope" and was al-

ways called "Smiley" because she smiled so much. She shortened it to Miley. Voila.

How about a variation on the name? Alexandra could be Allie or Lexie; Jacob could

be Coby or Jay.

Go with it! Remember why you chose it in the first place. **YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP BUSY WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD**

Easter alternatives to those chocolate eggs

Looking for a great alternative to candy and sweets for your children's Easter baskets? As a mom and member of Neighbourhood Toy Stores of Canada, I have some great ideas for kids of all ages.

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Worry People

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On the Web



P.E.I. school kids play Fath-ers of Confederation, win national contest.

Let the greens season begin with a tangy Greek Salad



This recipe serves four to six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There is no doubt that the best Greek Salad is made with seasonal, local vegetables, but this classic Mediterranean starter also brightens up appetites ready for spring weather.

It's best, of course, teamed with a fine Greek extra virgin olive oil, good firm kalamata olives and tangy imported

Greek feta.

1. Slice cucumber in half lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Cut cucumber into bite-size pieces.

2. In a large bowl, combine cucumber, green pepper, tomatoes, red onion and olives.

Sprinkle with olive oil, oregano and salt and pepper to taste.

3. Add a splash of vinegar if salad needs a touch of acidity; it all depends on the flavour of the tomatoes.

4. Fold in chunks of feta. Serve

Ingredients

- Half an English cucumber
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into chunky bite-sized pieces
- 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into chunky bite-sized pieces
- Half a small red onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) pitted and sliced kalamata olives
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) extra virgin Greek olive oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) dried oregano leaves, crumbled
- Kosher or sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) red wine vinegar (approx)
- 125 g (4 oz) feta cheese, broken into small chunks
- Fresh crisp greens (optional)

on a bed of fresh crisp greens, if desired.

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Equivalent

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Use mint for more than just your breath

In North America, mint has struggled to land on the dinner table. We tend to associate it with sweets and breath mints.

But elsewhere in the world, especially North Africa, the Middle East and Asia, mint is used to lend a crisp, almost peppery contrast to savoury dishes, especially fatty ones (think lamb with mint sauce).

You'll find fresh mint sold with other herbs in the produce section, often in large bunches that you'll never manage to entirely use. No worries; it's cheap.

When you get the mint home, give it a good wash in cold water, then snip off the bottoms of the stems. You can prolong its life — sometimes by weeks — if you stand the stems upright in a glass of water and refrigerate.

Mint is as aromatic as it is flavourful (handy since we tend to taste with our noses as much as our tongues). But that also means you'll want to go easy with it to avoid overpowering other flavours in your dish.

Mint loves vegetables, cooked and raw (it's key to the flavour of fresh Vietnamese spring rolls, for example).

It also goes well with roasted poultry and pork, and helps cut through assertive cheeses

Feta-Mint Penne with Tomatoes & Capers



This recipe makes four servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

such as feta.

1. In large pot of boiling salted water; cook pasta 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and return to the pot; set aside.

2. In skillet over medium-high, heat olive oil and cook onion and garlic for 4 minutes.

3. Add tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes or until just softened. Add capers and cook everything for 1 minute. Remove skillet from heat and stir in the feta, mint, salt and pepper.

4. To serve, spoon sauce over pasta and toss gently to coat.

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Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) penne pasta
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, drained
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled feta
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped fresh mint
- Pinch each salt and ground black pepper

Queen of Green

Avoid these home hazards



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What qualifies as household hazardous waste? I have old Comet and Pledge bottles collecting dust.
Kylie of Halifax

Many common household cleaners sold in Canada contain hazardous chemicals.

Examples of household cleaners considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW) are abrasive cleaners, aerosol air fresheners, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fabric softeners, glass cleaners, laundry stain removers, mildew removers, oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, and tub and tile

cleaners.

These materials or products can cause illness or death to people, plants and animals. Correct disposal is important to prevent the spread of chemicals in our soil, air and water.

Never pour or flush HHW substances down the drain where they will enter the sewage system. Chemicals can corrode plumbing and cause failure in septic systems before they make

their way to our waterways and oceans. I realize that's ironic, because most of them are used to clean the toilet and end up down the drain!

Each Canadian province has instituted a household hazardous waste collection program to make it easy for Canadians to dispose of these toxic items with minimal environmental impact.

In Nova Scotia, HHW disposal options by are div-

ided by seven different solid waste-resource management regions. Check out ReduceYourWaste.ca or the government website gov.ns.ca/nse/waste.

Next shopping trip down the cleaning products aisle, avoid cleaners with hazard symbols.

Opt instead for products from companies that voluntarily disclose ingredients on the label.

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Canadians to open up their cleaning cupboard to investigate whether their home cleaning products contain toxic ingredients.

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The green way to get your run on

A simple change can speak volumes. More and more companies creating eco-friendly running shoes

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Athletic shoes take a terrible pounding, from heat, cold, rain, snow — millions of hard, sharp impacts from the simple human acts of walking and running.

They need to be light, strong and incredibly durable. Is there any room for them to be eco-friendly, as well? Yes, says Jenine LaFayette, marketing manager for Brooks Canada. She's talking about a cutting-edge sneaker called Green Silence, which the company introduced in 2009.

"This shoe has a lot fewer parts. There's less material, so it can biodegrade faster," she explains.

"The rubbers that are used are recycled. We also use bio-green adhesives and dyes. Our laces and reinforced webbing are all post-consumer recycled. We've looked at all

By the numbers

\$1.6B

Total sales of athletic shoes in Canada in 2010, according to Statistics Canada — up from \$1.1 billion in 2004.

the pieces of the shoe puzzle, and how we can make a difference in pulling the construction together."

The key breakthrough is a material called BioMoGo. It's a funny name, but there's a serious purpose.

"BioMoGo midsoles biodegrade 50 times faster than the traditional midsole," La-

Fayette says.

"It's a shoe that's built to last. It has to be exposed to the right materials and conditions for it to biodegrade."

LaFayette laughs at the suggestion that some runners' lockers might actually simulate conditions within a landfill.

"BioMoGo material has got a compound that makes it delicious to the bugs within the landfill environment. So unless you've got those types of enzymes at the bottom of your locker — which hopefully you don't — it won't react the same way."

Brooks is far from being the only major shoe manufac-

turer doing this. The Adidas line of Samba shoes features significant green components. Nike has even rebuilt and repositioned its popular Air Jordans to be environmentally friendly.

And the stakes are huge. Statistics Canada reports Canadians spent a staggering \$1.6 billion on athletic footwear in

2010.

"Consumer response has been great," she notes. "A lot of consumers are really looking for that green solution when it comes to footwear. As far as consumer performance, we just had someone win the 5K Around the Bay race in Hamilton, Ont., wearing Green Silence."

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Selin Jessa, 16, is a part of a group called TedTalks and will soon be giving a talk about a trip that she took to Antarctica earlier this year. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Generation inspiration: Knowledge acknowledged at youth conference

Share the wisdom.
Kids aim to learn from one another at TEDxKids event in Vancouver

Tales of early expeditions to Antarctica had a ship's audience completely engrossed before a call over the PA system compelled the lecturing explorer to suddenly stop.

The group pulled on jackets in a hurry, threw open doors and stepped from story world into reality, where pods of 30 killer whales surrounded their southbound boat.

Selin Jessa found her sea legs on the grand vessel's deck, and watched the big, beautiful creatures breach in and out of the ocean.

"In our world and in this life over here (in North America), we get caught up in the day-to-day and forget to be open to those sorts of experiences, and we miss them," Jessa said in recollection. As the moment sank in, she grew acutely aware of the significance of caring for the earth.

"Sometimes it feels very hopeless when you want to try to make a difference," she said.

"But when you realize everything is interconnected ... it becomes easier to do your part."

Though spoken like a sage woman checking off her bucket-list, the 16-year-old from Coquitlam, B.C. believes her journey has only just set sail.

The Grade 11 student will share her insights during a 12-minute talk with 200 high school students and a global on-line audience at an upcoming Vancouver forum, which will bring several other engaging youth speakers to the stage.

The April 5 event, called TEDxKids@BC, is an authorized spin-off of the popular idea-sharing TED conferences that are held around the world, but independently organized. Its founder describes it as the biggest of its kind in Canada.

Goran Kimovski's goal is to transform young people into active participants in their own education. He hopes they'll be galvanized to change the world.

"The current education system doesn't really cater to the natural instincts that kids (have) for learning," said the father of two daughters, ages eight and three, who tailor-made the event to fill the void.

The B.C. parent is striving to be a mentor to his kids instead of solely an authority figure, and that prompted him to connect with other educators who theorize that children are filled with drive and learn best by doing.

"It's not so much about pro-

Background

TEDucation

The event's theme is moving inspiration into action, and will coincide with a TEDx event hosted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that will be

held the same day in Berlin.

The Kids@BC forum had its premiere last October, and its youngest speaker was a 10-year-old girl who instructed her audience on how to transform any observation into a creative writing story.

ducing a conference in the traditional sense, it's about creating an experience," he said.

Youth volunteers are paired with adults who help them run the event at all levels, from selecting speakers to co-ordinat-

ing logistics to managing the website. A Grade 11 student will act as MC, while others will film the presentations and post them on tedxkidsbc.com in the following weeks.

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NORTHLANDS

There ain't no mountain high enough to keep them from gliding toward glory



World Cup ski champion Thomas Grandi and Olympic silver medal winning cross country skier Sara Renner are raising their young family in Canmore, Alta. PROVIDED

Passion at its peak.
Two high-performance athletes provide hospitality in the hills



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Olympic medalist Sara Renner and World Cup champion Thomas Grandi may have retired from competitive skiing, but they didn't park their skis too far from the front door. Sliding into the business world, they bought Paintbox Lodge in Canmore, Alta., and are now raising their young family amidst the glorious Rocky Mountains.

Moving from high performance athletics to business isn't that much of a stretch. Most athletes do four-year business plans when getting ready for an Olympics and run their careers like a business. But Grandi admits there was one

Lesson learned

"Patience. When you go out of the start gate any thing is possible and you could go from last to first."

Thomas Grandi on what he has learned as a business owner.

thing he had to learn.

"Patience. When you go out of the start gate any thing is possible and you could go from last to first. In business even though you have a happy customer they may not come back until next year."

But Grandi and Renner are still winning and business has doubled since last year.

"I'm hoping people will stay with us and take a walk along the river path," Sara says. "They will find their soul is quieted and they can be rejuvenated before going back to their busy lives."

That's top-of-the-podium advice from two high performance athletes turned business people.

Success

How to move mountains

- Setbacks are your best opportunity for future improvement.
- Get the most from your team and offer incentives that benefit everyone — like profit sharing.
- Have perspective in your working life and prioritize the things that mean a lot to you.
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Heaps of homework not so helpful: Study

Learning lethargy.
Research finds being bogged down by the books not beneficial

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All that time you spent doing tedious homework assignments back in your school days was all for naught.

Turns out, if a recent study is to be believed, it probably didn't help you get any smarter.

It might have even set you

back.

Researchers at Sydney University in Australia found that too much homework can often have the opposite effect on students than intended.

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to little academic advancement.

"What the research shows is that, in countries where they spend more time on homework, the achievement results are lower," Dr. Richard Walker, from Sydney University's Education Faculty, told The Telegraph.

The study found that 59

per cent of 10- and 11-year-olds do less than two hours of homework per week. About 22 per cent do three or four hours a week, and five per cent complete seven or more hours of homework per week.

"At the moment homework (is often) an add-on because parents want it," Walker added.

High school switch

Get back to work

- An exception to the study was high school students in grades 11 or 12, who proved to benefit from more than a few hours of homework each week.

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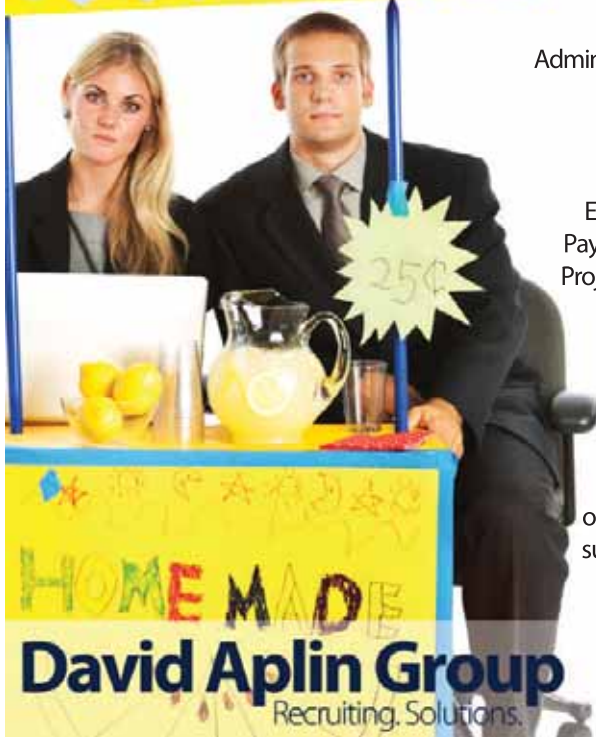


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ANIMAL KINGDOM

DOGS AND CATS CAN BRING MORE TO YOUR LIFE THAN YOU MAY THINK

Can having a pet improve your health?

Absolutely, says Dr. Jim Berry, Vice-President, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian at Douglas Animal Hospital, Fredericton.

MORE EXERCISE

If you have a dog, you pretty much have to get them out there and walk. "Of course, that gets people moving themselves," says Berry. That's good for everyone, and for seniors particularly, it supports continued mobility.

A RICH SOCIAL LIFE

Having a dog is a great way of getting out into the community and making friends... because when you have a dog, people

stop to chat. "Having a dog creates an instant social atmosphere."

FEEL GOOD

"Numerous studies have associated pets with stress reduction and even remission of psychiatric illnesses, particularly depression and anxiety disorders," says Dr. Irvin Wolkoff, a Toronto psychiatrist. "The key factor is the kind of uncritical affectionate closeness of pets towards their owners." Unlike relations with people, interactions with pets are uncomplicated, reliable and pleasing, says Wolkoff. "We respond with a reduction in stress. That helps us feel better, and it

reduces our circulating levels of adrenalin and cortisol, the classic stress hormones." He says this change is associated with a reduced risk of coronary disease as well as a number of other conditions.

COMPANIONSHIP

A pet provides something to communicate with, and in this way, can stave off loneliness, says Wolkoff. "Plus, animals aren't needy and they don't care if you've had a bad day — they still respond to you."

FAMILY TIES

More than 50 per cent of pet owners consider their pets their kids... and it's not just what they call them but what they consider them, says Berry. "They really are part of the family and the expectation goes that they'll be treated as a family member. I think this attitude has elevated the humane treatment of animals in society."

At the end of the day, "all this only works if you like animals," says Wolkoff. "If you don't, pets will increase your stress."



WANT TO GET A PET?

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association reminds everyone that it's important to choose a pet that is appropriate for your lifestyle, life situation and pocketbook (all pets are an ongoing expense). Here's a quick guide.

PUPPY OR KITTEN Requires training and constant attention.

DOG Most need a walk twice a day.

CAT More independent and much less demanding than a dog.

BIRD Requires daily commitment.

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HEALTHY CAT

SHARING YOUR HOME WITH A CAT MAKES LIFE PURR-FECT!

And, of course, you want to help your feline friend stay healthy and happy. Here's how.

VISIT THE VET

Regular visits to the vet are a must for checkups and cat care. Discuss annual shots and protection from fleas and other parasites as well as dental health. Your vet can make dietary recommendations too.

FEED HER PREMIUM CAT FOOD

Cats need a healthy diet, and it's important that their nutritional needs are met with food that is especially designed for cats. At the same time, kittens

and cats have different requirements depending on their age and health status. Be sure fresh water is always available.

PROTECT YOUR CAT

Many owners make the decision to keep their cats indoors, and they provide an enclosed area outside where their cat can roam safely, enjoy the sun, and watch the birds. It's also important to cat-proof your home and to make the cat litter box easily accessible.

KEEP HER BUSY

Your cat needs to be active some of the time. Remember, cats can sleep for 18 hours out of 24 – and that makes them susceptible to weight gain as time goes by. Keep your cat entertained with toys that bring out his hunting and stalking instincts. Playtime with you is good bonding time too.

BE OBSERVANT

As all cat owners know, these feline creatures can be pretty independent. So it's important to be aware of any changes in appearance, eating habits, personal care habits and disposition. This is especially important as your cat gets older (about eight) when age-related illnesses often develop.

LOVE YOUR CAT

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TIPS TO PREVENT YOUR PET'S MESS

DO YOU LOVE YOUR PET, BUT HATE THE MESS?

For dog owners especially, cleaning up after their furry friends is a daily battle. Dogs are more than happy to track mud and grass from the backyard to your floor or leave fur and dander to collect on your

carpet and furniture. What's a loving pet owner to do? Dogs will be dogs, but there are ways to prevent some messes and clean up others more easily. Take a look at a few helpful tips for you and your pet:

- Place rubber or plastic mats in areas that messes are likely to occur, such as under food and water dishes.
- Keep a "pet cleaning kit" with paper towels, hand-held vacuum, old bath towels and cleaning solutions in a bucket where you can get to them quickly. The

faster you get on a pet mess, the easier it is to clean, and the less likely it will be to leave a permanent stain.

- Pet hair and dander can trigger allergies for some people and are difficult to remove from carpet. A regular grooming schedule can help eliminate shedding hairs before they end up in the home. It also keeps pets clean, happy and comfortable.

- Installing a faucet in a mudroom or garage allows homeowners to clean

off their pets before bringing them into the house. Take a look at a few ideas at deltafaucet.ca. Try using a pull-down kitchen faucet with a laundry tub to make bathing smaller pets — as well as the clean-up afterwards — a breeze.

- While training pets to keep off of furniture may be difficult, consistency is key. If pets are part of the family, they also have to learn to live comfortably with everyone else.

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FIVE TIPS FOR A TRULY PET-FRIENDLY HOTEL STAY



Let's face it, the last thing you want to do when heading out on the road is leave the furry family members behind. With 150 locations in Canada, Comfort Inn hotels say they are no strangers to guests travelling with pets and offer the following tips to make your next stay at a pet-friendly hotel, truly pet-friendly:

1. CALL AHEAD to double check pet-policies and ask if a kennel is required to avoid any unpleasant surprises upon arrival.

2. PACK YOUR PET'S BED along with their favourite blanket or toy to help them feel at home in the unfamiliar space.

3. ASK ABOUT A PET NOTIFICATION DOOR HANGER at the front desk, or bring your own to be sure hotel staff and other guests are aware of a four-legged guest is staying in your room.

4. KNOW YOUR PET'S WEIGHT Some hotels have weight restrictions and you may be asked to provide this information at check-in.

5. IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE in your room, turn on the radio or TV before leaving; the background noise and voices will be soothing.

If your pet suffers from separation anxiety, don't leave them alone. Noise complaints and damage fees could ruin an otherwise perfect vacation.

— News Canada



high energy puppy months through to the less active senior years. What you feed your dog affects appearance (a dog's coat should always be shiny and free of flakes; and he should be a healthy weight) and disposition (he should have good energy and be content). Be sure fresh water is always available.

KEEP HIM ACTIVE

Just like people, dogs need regular exercise – in general, at least one to two hours every day. An under-exercised dog may start exhibiting unwanted behaviour such as chewing on furniture and carpets and separation anxiety.

TAKE CARE OF HIS TEETH

For healthy teeth, gums and breath, you can brush your dog's teeth, use oral rinses and feed them tartar-fighting dental treats. Your vet may recommend professional cleaning periodically too.

KEEP HIM GROOMED

Grooming needs are based on your dog's breed but in general an average short-haired dog should have a monthly nail trim, bath and brushing. Long-haired dogs should be brushed out daily.

LOVE

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Golf

Hunter on target at Houston Open



Hunter Mahan on Sunday
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Hunter Mahan shot a 1-under 71 on Sunday to win the Houston Open, edging Carl Pettersson by one stroke.

Mahan, who won the Match Play Championship in February, is the first two-time champion on the PGA Tour this year. The victory moved Mahan up to No. 4 in the world rankings, the first time he's ever been the highest-ranked American.

"That's a pretty surreal thing to think about," Mahan said. "It shows me what I can do, shows me what I'm capable of."

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NASCAR

Newman gets win in wild finish

Ryan Newman needed help and was running out of time. Finally, Clint Bowyer provided an opening with two laps to go at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia.

Bowyer's aggressive move took out race leaders Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson entering the first turn, allowing Newman to slide into the lead, and he held off A.J. Allmendinger and Dale Earnhardt Jr. on another restart for his first win in 23 races.

"Clint kind of cleared out Turn One for us and we were fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time," Newman said.

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Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, left, and Jordan Eberle, centre, congratulate Teemu Hartikainen on one of his two goals Sunday in Anaheim, Calif.
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Breakout game for Hartikainen in win

NHL. Winger shines playing against his 'idol' Teemu Selanne as Oilers beat Ducks 2-1

All three goals in the game were scored by a guy from Finland named Teemu. Fortunately, for the Edmonton Oilers, two of them came from Teemu Hartikainen.

The 21-year-old left wing scored his first two goals of the season early in the opening period, Devan Dubnyk made 32 saves and the Oilers beat Anaheim 2-1 on Sunday night to spoil the Ducks' home finale — and what night have been the final home game for Teemu Selanne in the NHL.

"He was the biggest hock-

ey player when I was growing up," Hartikainen said. "He was kind of my idol. Being on the ice at the same time in the faceoffs tonight, it was a great opportunity."

Selanne isn't expected to announce whether he will return for a 20th NHL season until sometime in July, when he and his family return to Southern California from a 10-week stay in Finland. If he returns, he would become the 54th non-goaltender to play at least part of 20 NHL campaigns.

"Obviously, I'm going to have another tough decision to make again, but I don't really know what's going to happen," Selanne said. "I'm going to stick with my plan, take some time off and see how I feel."

Selanne, who turns 42

on July 3, leads Anaheim with 65 points. Earlier in the week, he became the second-oldest player behind Gordie Howe to score 25 goals in a season. But despite his efforts, the Ducks won't be back in the playoffs this year.

"It's pretty sad that we're not making the post-season, but there's a reason for that," Selanne said. "The first half was just bad that we couldn't climb back into the playoff race. We always did before, but this time we ran out of gas."

Coach Bruce Boudreau bristled when asked what Selanne leading the team in points at age 41 says about himself — and about the team.

"What are you saying — that the team's not that good

Rookie sensation

- Edmonton centre Ryan Nugent-Hopkins earned his 51st point of the season with an assist on Hartikainen's second goal and is tied with Colorado's Gabriel Landeskog for NHL lead among rookies, one ahead of New Jersey's Adam Henrique.

- No Oilers player has ever won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year.

because an older guy led us in scoring? It means that Teemu's great. That's what it means," Boudreau snapped.

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SPORTS

Oilers preview

Edmonton at Los Angeles
8:30 p.m.
(Sportsnet West)

The Oilers (32-38-9) visit the Los Angeles Kings (39-27-13), who defeated Edmonton 4-1 on Friday. The Kings are tied for the Pacific Division lead after losing 4-3 to Minnesota in a shootout on Saturday. Anze Kopitar had three assists in the loss and has seven points in his last three games. Jonathan Quick was 9-3-0 in March with two shutouts and a 1.90 goals-against average.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web



The Canadian women's hockey team is looking to reclaim gold-medal glory in Vermont this week at the world hockey championship after a heartbreaking overtime loss to the U.S. in last year's final in Zurich. The roster, named Sunday, includes 13 players from the 2010 Olympic team that defeated the Americans 2-0 for gold in Vancouver. Scan the code for the story.



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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-NY Rangers	79	50	22	2	5	218	175	107	27-11-0-2	23-11-2-3	6-4-0-0	L1
dx-Boston	79	47	28	1	3	259	193	98	23-13-1-2	24-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	W2
d-Florida	79	37	25	6	11	193	217	91	20-9-1-9	17-16-5-2	4-2-1-3	L3
x-Pittsburgh	79	48	25	3	3	268	214	102	27-10-2-0	21-15-1-3	5-4-1-0	L1
x-Philadelphia	79	46	24	2	7	257	222	101	21-12-1-5	25-12-1-2	6-2-0-2	W1
x-New Jersey	79	45	28	2	4	219	205	96	22-13-0-4	23-15-2-0	5-4-0-1	W3
x-Ottawa	79	41	28	6	4	245	231	92	20-15-2-2	21-13-4-2	5-3-0-2	W4
Washington	79	40	31	4	4	212	223	88	25-11-2-2	15-20-2-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Buffalo	79	38	31	4	6	208	219	86	20-12-3-5	18-19-1-1	6-2-0-2	L2
Winnipeg	79	36	34	5	4	213	233	81	23-13-1-3	13-21-4-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Tampa Bay	78	36	35	4	3	223	268	79	24-14-1-1	12-21-3-2	5-5-0-0	W1
Carolina	79	31	32	10	6	208	237	78	19-14-2-5	12-18-8-1	5-5-0-0	L2
Toronto	79	34	36	4	5	222	252	77	17-16-3-4	17-20-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	79	33	35	7	4	194	241	77	16-18-5-1	17-17-3-2	6-3-0-1	L2
Montreal	79	29	35	4	11	202	221	73	14-15-2-8	15-20-2-3	2-3-3-2	L4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
y-Vancouver	79	49	21	2	7	239	191	107	25-10-0-4	24-11-3-2	7-2-1-0	W6
dx-St. Louis	79	48	21	1	9	204	156	106	30-5-1-3	18-16-0-6	4-3-0-3	L2
d-Los Angeles	79	39	27	5	8	185	170	91	21-14-0-4	18-13-5-4	8-2-0-0	L1
x-Detroit	79	47	27	3	2	242	196	99	31-6-1-1	16-21-2-1	3-5-2-0	W1
x-Nashville	79	45	26	3	5	227	208	98	24-10-2-3	21-16-1-2	4-5-0-1	L1
x-Chicago	80	44	26	4	6	244	234	98	27-9-1-5	17-18-3-1	7-1-0-2	L1
Phoenix	79	39	27	3	10	206	202	91	21-14-2-3	18-14-1-6	5-2-0-3	W2
San Jose	79	40	29	5	5	214	201	90	25-12-2-1	15-17-3-4	6-4-0-0	W1
Dallas	79	42	32	1	4	207	212	89	22-14-0-3	20-18-1-1	4-6-0-0	L2
Colorado	80	41	33	4	2	205	209	88	22-15-1-1	19-18-3-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Calgary	80	35	29	7	9	194	222	86	21-12-1-5	14-17-6-4	2-3-3-2	L3
Minnesota	79	34	35	8	6	173	219	78	19-14-3-5	15-19-1-5	5-5-0-0	W3
Anaheim	79	33	35	5	6	195	219	77	21-18-2-0	12-17-3-6	4-5-1-0	L2
Edmonton	79	32	38	3	6	210	231	73	18-17-2-3	14-21-1-3	6-2-1-1	W1
Columbus	79	27	45	2	5	190	255	61	16-21-1-2	11-24-1-3	5-5-0-0	W3

x — clinched playoff berth; d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results

Edmonton 2 Anaheim 1
Ottawa 5 N.Y. Islanders 1
Minnesota 5 Chicago 4 (SO)
Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 4
Detroit 2 Florida 1 (SO)
Boston 2 N.Y. Rangers 1

Saturday's results

Toronto 4 Buffalo 3
Vancouver 3 Calgary 2 (OT)
Ottawa 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Winnipeg 2 (OT)
Washington 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
Boston 6 N.Y. Islanders 3
New Jersey 5 Carolina 0
Chicago 5 Nashville 4
Columbus 5 St. Louis 2
Minnesota 4 Los Angeles 3 (SO)
Phoenix 4 Anaheim 0
San Jose 3 Dallas 0

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

SONY ERICSSON OPEN

At Key Biscayne, Fla.

Yesterday's result

Men's Singles — Final

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

Saturday's results

Women's Singles — Final

Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.

Men's Doubles — Final

Leander Paes, India, & Radek Stepanek (7), Czech Rep., def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, & Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto, 3-6, 6-1, 10-8 tiebreak.

FIGURE SKATING

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Nice, France

Saturday's results

MEN

1. Patrick Chan, Toronto, 176.70 points.

2. Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan, 173.99.

3. Daisuke Takahashi, Japan, 173.94.

Also

13. Kevin Reynolds, Coquitlam, B.C., 144.25.

Final Standings

1. Patrick Chan, Toronto, 266.11 points.

2. Daisuke Takahashi, Japan, 259.66.

3. Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan, 251.06.

WOMEN

1. Carolina Kostner, Italy, 128.94 points.

2. Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 121.30.

3. Ashley Wagner, United States, 120.35.

Also

16. Amelie Lacoste, Delson, Que., 138.60.

Final Standings

1. Carolina Kostner, Italy, 189.94.

2. Alena Leonova, Russia, 184.28.

3. Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 180.68.

CURLING

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Basel, Switzerland

ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

Country (skip)

Canada (G.Howard)

Sweden (Edin)

China (Liu)

Denmark (Stjerne)

France (Dufour)

Scotland (Brewster)

Czech Rep. (J.Snitil)

Germany (Jahr)

New Zealand (de Boer)

Norway (Ulsrud)

Switzerland (Mueller)

U.S. (McCormick)

Yesterday's results

Third Draw

Canada 9 Germany 2

France 8 U.S. 6

Fourth Draw

Czech Republic 5 Switzerland 3

Denmark 9 Scotland 7

New Zealand 7 Norway 4

Sweden 7 China 6

Fifth Draw

Canada 8 U.S. 7

France 6 Germany 5

China 7 Switzerland 4

Sweden 8 Czech Republic 5

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	12	7	5	.583	143	153	—
Toronto	12	6	6	.500	146	145	1
Rochester	12	5	7	.417	145	149	2
Buffalo	12	4	8	.333	142	161	3

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	—
x-Calgary	13	10	3	.769	180	136	—
Minnesota	12	5	7	.417	144	149	4½
Edmonton	11	4	7	.364	117	123	5
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6

WEEK 13

Saturday's results

Toronto 15 Buffalo 9

Calgary 13 Washington 11

Edmonton 9 Minnesota 8 (OT)

Colorado 16 Rochester 12

WEEK 14

Friday's games

All times Eastern

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Rochester at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	4	4	0	0	7	1	12
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
New England	4	2	2	0	4	5	6
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
D.C. United	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1
Montreal	4	0	3	1	3	10	1
Toronto	3	0	3	0	1	7	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	4	3	1	0	8	4	9
San Jose	4	3	1	0	5	1	9
Colorado	4	3	1	0	7	5	9
Vancouver	4	2	0	2	3	0	8
Seattle	3	2	1	0	5	2	6
Portland	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Dallas	4	1	2	1	5	8	4
Los Angeles	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Chivas USA	4	1	3	0	1	3	3

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.

Last night's results

Colorado 2 Chicago 0

Kansas City 1 Chivas USA 0

Saturday's results

Vancouver 0 Philadelphia 0

Columbus 1 Toronto 0

New York 5 Montreal 2

Salt Lake 3 Portland 2

San Jose 1 Seattle 0

New England 3 Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's game

All times Eastern

Montreal at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Thursday's game

New England at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Toronto at Montreal, 12 p.m.

New York at Columbus, 3 p.m.

Los Angeles at Kansas City, 4 p.m.

Vancouver at San Jose, 7 p.m.

Seattle at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Chivas USA at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	23	6	.793
Oakland	14	5	.737
Detroit	19	7	.731
Seattle	14	8	.636
Los Angeles	17	11	.607
New York	16	11	.593
Milwaukee	18	14	.563
Boston	14	11	.560
Kansas City	15	15	.500
Baltimore	11	13	.458
Chicago	13	17	.433
Texas	12	17	.414
Tampa Bay	9	16	.360
Cleveland	7	21	.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	16	9	.640
San Diego	19	15	.559
Colorado	16	13	.552
San Francisco	16	14	.533
Los Angeles	14	13	.519
Milwaukee	14	14	.500
Chicago	15	16	.484
Houston	14	16	.467
Miami	11	13	.458
Cincinnati	14	17	.452
Washington	12	15	.444
Arizona	13	17	.433
Philadelphia	12	16	.429
Atlanta	10	17	.370
Pittsburgh	9	18	.333
New York	7	19	.269

Note: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-MLB teams do not.

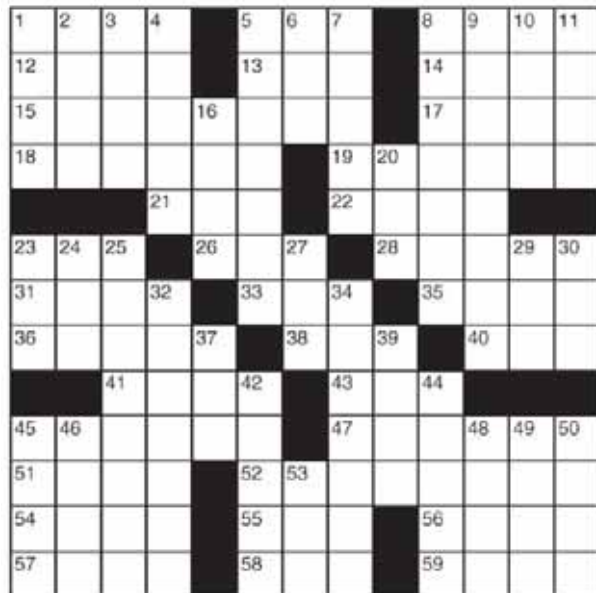
Crossword

Across

- 1 Air pollution
- 5 Shade provider
- 8 Mid-month date
- 12 Staffer
- 13 Grass-skirt accessory
- 14 Castle protector
- 15 Likely loser
- 17 Taj Mahal city
- 18 Rent payer
- 19 Much
- 21 Listener
- 22 Small combo
- 23 Mrs. O'Leary's troublemaker
- 26 Thickness
- 28 Coach Rockne
- 31 Quid pro quo
- 33 "Undeniably"
- 35 Birthright barterer
- 36 Prelude
- 38 Spigot
- 40 Blunder
- 41 Cornfield commentaries
- 43 Be a couch potato
- 45 For some time
- 47 Eagles' nests
- 51 Auction offers
- 52 Li'l Abner's hometown
- 54 Lotion additive
- 55 Before
- 56 Antitoxins
- 57 Pleads
- 58 Scarlet
- 59 Cockily confident

Down

- 1 Author Bellow
- 2 Greedy one's call
- 3 Probability
- 4 Gaggle members
- 5 On in years
- 6 Zodiac sign
- 7 Power
- 8 John Lennon

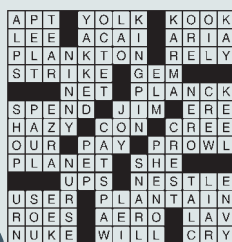


- song
- 9 Place of disfavor
- 10 "My Name Is —"
- 11 Remain
- 16 Harvest
- 20 Annoy
- 23 Marg Helgenberger series
- 24 "My — Private Idaho"
- 25 Guardian
- 27 Nevertheless
- 29 Pitch
- 30 A cont.
- 32 Lauds
- 34 Attacked brutally
- 37 Pussycat's partner
- 39 Incubator noise

- 42 Passover dinner
- 44 Lawn
- 45 Quatrain rhyme scheme
- 46 — E. Coyote
- 48 Particular
- 49 Beige
- 50 Rug type

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Friday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer



Weather

MONDAY



MAX: 7°
MIN: -3°

TUESDAY



MAX: 10°
MIN: 1°

WEDNESDAY



MAX: 8°
MIN: -1°



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You don't have to make a big display of your emotions.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You must not allow other people, no matter how well meaning, to poke their noses into your affairs.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may not have got as far with something as you would have liked over the past few weeks but the important thing is that you have made a start.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

If you spend too much time weighing up the pros and cons of an offer today someone of a more instinctive nature could beat you to a prize that should have been yours.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

A minor battle may hardly seem worth the effort today but it's good practice because soon you will have to fight for something a lot more important.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Don't dwell on the past today or you could miss out on a wonderful future.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Your rivals and enemies are not as tough as they look.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Don't let other people drag you down with their negative attitudes today.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

According to the planets a friend or relative has something

important to reveal, but they may be reluctant to bring up the subject. Be patient and encourage them to tell what they know.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You like a challenge but that is no reason to make life hard for yourself.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Don't concern yourself too much with what other people say or do today. Put on your smiley face and don't let anyone or anything get you down.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

A little bit of humour will go a long way today, especially if you have been too serious of late.

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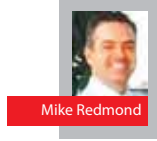
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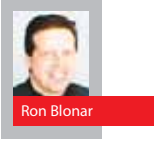
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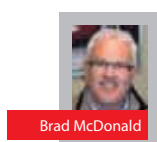


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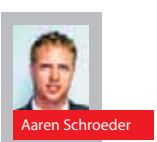
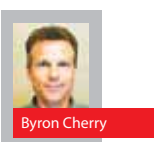


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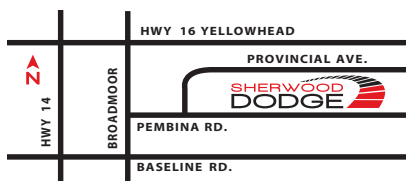
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